

# YOUNG TWIGS

## Jonah

Year 2, lesson 24

Jonah tried to run away from God. But God would not let him go.

Have you ever tried to run away from God? What was the result? ▲

### Observation and interpretation

Read the book of Jonah. Mark: *God, Lord, and pronouns; Jonah, compassion, anger/angry, turn/turned.*

1. Read each chapter and answer the 5 Ws and an H below.
  - Who are the main characters?
  - Use one sentence for each chapter to describe *what* happens.
  - When is this happening? (check out the diagram on page 1485)
  - Where does this take place?
  - Why does Jonah run away to Tarshish? Why does he go to Ninevah?
  - How do you see God working in the book of Jonah?
  - Write a theme for each chapter and put them on page 1487.

**Interpretation: *what does the author mean?***

2. Read through Jonah 2, Jonah's prayer. Make a list of the things that Jonah knows about God. What is God's response to his prayer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Jonah proclaims that Ninevah will be "overthrown in 40 days", but God relents and "withdraws His anger". What was He angry about? Why is no longer angry?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is the difference between Jonah's compassion and God's compassion in Jonah 4:10-11?

**Application: *therefore, what shall I do?***

5. What can you learn from Jonah? Is there something you know God wants you to do that you don't want to do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is God compassionate about in the book of Jonah? Who or what causes you to feel compassion? Are you and God compassionate about the same things? Give examples.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Many people say that this story about being swallowed by a big fish is not a true story. Read Matthew 12:39-41 and 16:4. How did Jesus view the story of Jonah? Is it a true story or not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Read Psalm 130 and notice the words "out of the depths." Jonah might have felt this way? Have you ever felt this way?